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OUR WHEAT SUPPLY.

The importance of taking all possible
steps to increase the area of land under
the plough in Great Britain was strongly
urged by Mr. Edwin Savill, in a paper read
at a meeting of the Surveyors' Institution
on the evening of Nov. 23, at the premises
in Great George-street, Westminster.
Amidst all the confusion of the present
time the one fact that stood out was, he
said, that no one was prepared to say that
an increase in the area of land utilized for
growing corn crops would not be a good
thing for the country, both from the point
of view of food supplies in time of war and
rural employment in times of peace. He
considered that half the domestic problems
which now troubled us could, and would
be automatically removed with the solution
of the agricultural problem.
He was encouraged in the belief that the
Government would not be unwilling to
adopt a practical scheme to increase our
wheat area by the action recently taken by
the Board of Trade to meet the shortage of
of dyestuffs and colours, which had been
causing apprehension in the textile trades.
If the price of wheat never fell below 38s
per quarter his own experience and that of
competent authorities he had consulted
agreed that it would pay farmers to grow
wheat which would be fixed. Possibly 38s per
quarter would meet the case, but here he
was open to correction. Every farmer's
wheat should be paid for the difference
sold what should be paid for the difference
between the average price for the year and
the average price for the year ending
Aug. 1 in each year. The cost of such a
scheme to the Government would depend
upon the amount of the guarantee, but it
was doubtful whether it need be consider-
able. A steady market was almost cer-
tainly important, and it was necessary to guarantee a
reasonably remunerative price for a suf-
ficiently long period. If such a scheme
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General Memoranda.

SATURDAY, January 9:—H.K. Cricket Club v. H.K. Civil Servants on H.K. C.C. Ground.

9.15 p.m.—"Snowwhite and the Fox Prince" by the A.D.C. at Theatre Royal.

SUNDAY, January 10:—Field Day for V. Darters and Reservists.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, Jan. 14 & 15:—2.30 p.m.—Auction of Valuable Chinese Porcelains, Brasses etc., at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.

SATURDAY, January 23:—Entire close for the Races.

SATURDAY, January 30:—3 p.m.—Gordon Fete in the grounds of the H.K. University.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The worst thing about the loss of a Turkish soldier, remarks the Washington Post, is that it causes so many widows.

In aid of the Prince of Wales Fund a concert will be given in the Club hall on Saturday evening commencing at half past eight.

The house boy at 126 the Peak complains that during the night of the 5th some person stole jewellery, clothing, and money belonging to his valued at \$198.

The Russian Consul, M. D'Oettingen, has reported to the Police this morning during December 10 and January 5 he has had stolen from his locked safe at Queens Buildings 121 sovereigns.

Mr. A. E. Lamb, second officer of the s.s. "Queenship" (Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co.) has been accepted as a recruit for Lord Kitchener's new army and will leave with the Hongkong contingent on 29th inst.

The Matinee performance of "Snow White and the Frog Prince" attracted a large audience to the Theatre yesterday afternoon. H. E. the Governor, Lady May and family being among those present. The performance was again a great success and was highly enjoyed. By special request, another performance will be given next Saturday evening.

It will be interesting to see how many Victoria Crosses will be awarded in the present war and compare the total with those of previous wars. So far, the largest number gained was in the Indian Mutiny, when no less than 132 were awarded. The Crimean campaign secured with 111, and the Boer War has 78 to its credit. The Zulu War was responsible for twenty-three V.C.'s, the Afghan War for sixteen, and the New Zealand for fifteen.

A HONGKONG NEWSPAPER'S ACTION.

In the Summary Court this morning the "Hongkong Telegraph" sued Lee Wo and Company and Hoo Cheong, as managing partner thereof, to recover \$100.00 balance of advertising fees due from Nov. 1, 1913, to May 1, 1914.

Mr. P. W. Golding represented plaintiffs, and Mr. C. A. S. Ross (of Mr. J. H. Gardiner's office) was for defendants.

Mr. Golding said that the "Telegraph" was originally leased to the Queen's Road Central Company and Hoo Cheong, but was transferred to the present defendant company. On May 13 the manager of the "Telegraph" entered into a contract with the Queen's Road Central Company to insert their advertisements for 12 months for a sum of \$380, to be paid monthly. Accounts presented were paid up to Oct. 31, 1914, the amount received being \$180.00, leaving the balance claimed.

It appeared that sometime in November the Queen's Road Central Company reported to have parted with their business to someone else who sometime subsequently transferred it to a limited company. Of the first assignment and subsequent transfer to the company the plaintiff received no notice whatever. They issued the writ against the Queen's Road Central Co. who were subsequently continued to appear in the paper, and he understood that now the defendants denied liability on the ground that they did not take over the liabilities of that company.

Mr. Justice Gompertz said he did not see what right of action plaintiffs had against the limited company.

Mr. Golding replied that they must have seen the advertisement going in the paper.

His Lordship said he did not see how the Lee Wo could be made responsible for another firm's contract.

Mr. Golding said he had asked for discovery of documents but had not seen the assignment; he thought the present Company must have taken over the other firm's liabilities.

His Lordship said it was for Mr. Golding to prove his case. Even supposing they did take over the liabilities it did not give a right of action against them.

Mr. Ross: We did not take over the liabilities as a matter of fact.

Mr. Golding subsequently withdrew his claim against the Lee Wo and asked to be allowed to re-instate the Queen's Road Central Co.

His Lordship pointed out that this company had not been served with the writ.

Mr. Golding said his position was a difficult one because the transfer of the business was not advertised in any way. Money had been paid subsequent to the assignment. He decided to proceed with the claim only as against Hoo Cheong as managing partner of the company.

Mr. Ross said Hoo Cheong was not a partner of the Queen's Road Central Co., but only manager.

G. W. C. Buttice, manager of the plaintiff company and clerk from the office, gave evidence in support of the claim.

Defendants denied partnership.

His Lordship gave costs against plaintiffs in regard to the withdrawal of the claim against the firm; and as to the claim against Hoo Cheong non-suited plaintiffs, with costs.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Capt. F. C. McMurray, who was formerly commander of the s.s. Zulu, is now at New York in charge of the training ship "Newport."

A son of Mr. E. C. V. Burt, a Commissioner of Chinese Customs, was placed eighth in a recent examination list at Woolwich.

Major Nathan, R.E. (Agent at Tientsin for the Kailan Mining Administration) has received a cable from the War Office, cancelling its former instructions to him to return to England.

At St. Andrew's Church yesterday afternoon Sergeant Marks, Hongkong Police, was married to Miss Daisy Cole, of Hongkong. Mr. and Mrs. Marks are spending their honeymoon in the New Territory.

Colonel McClear, Royal Dublin Fusiliers, head of the British expedition operating in the German Cameroons, has been killed in action. Colonel McClear was a cousin of Mrs. R. Bate, of Tientsin. Mrs. Bate also has a near relative on H.M.S. Good Hope.

Almost simultaneously with his attainment of the distinction of being the only holder of the Victoria Cross with a seat in the House of Lords, the Earl of Dunmore, who, in a period of half a dozen years, saw service in three wars or expeditions, received an appointment for the greatest campaign of that of a General Staff officer. Lord Dunmore's selection was gazetted at the same time that the Prince of Wales was made an aide de camp to Sir John French.

Mr. H. S. Oldham, Superintendent of the British Municipal Police, Tientsin, leaves for home on Saturday, says the P. and T. Times of the 18th ult., subsequently proceeding to the front. Mr. Oldham went through the Boer War with the Imperial Yeomanry and previous to his coming to Tientsin in January of last year, was with the Royal Sussex Regiment. In local sporting circles Mr. Oldham's departure will be keenly felt, for he has been a supporter of the local golf, cricket, hockey and tennis clubs, having served in the capacity of hon. secretary to the last mentioned for the last two seasons. It is interesting to note that with the departure of Messrs. Oldham and Todd, from the Police and Secretariat departments respectively, the B.M.C.C. have a representative of every department volunteering for active service. Mr. Blakeney, the Assistant Engineer, having been one of the first in China to leave for home.

EUROPEAN SAILOR GETS THREE MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT.

Andrew Watt, master of the sailing vessel "Drumteller," charged Ferdinand Christian Anderson, a Scandinavian seaman, at the Marine Court this morning before the President, Commander Basil Taylor, R.N., with continued disobedience of his lawful commands and with assault. Defendant pleaded not guilty to both charges.

Capt. Watt said that about 3.30 on Tuesday afternoon the defendant entered his cabin when he was saying good-bye to a few friends, and demanded whisky. He was told to go away but would not and created much disturbance. The captain pushed him out of the cabin and Anderson remained outside until 6 p.m. continually demanding whisky. Defendant was neither drunk or sober. Witness next saw him yesterday morning about 5 o'clock when he again asked for whisky. Witness refused him and told him to go about his work. Witness went forward to have a look at the fire on the ship and defendant followed him on to the forecastle head. He left him there and soon after the chief officer complained of the man's conduct, and said he could not continue his work.

The President: Was the defendant doing his work?

Capt. Watt: No, he was making a fool of everybody.

Witness continuing said he gave instructions to the chief officer to put the man in irons. Anderson refused to give him another chance, he told him to go away while the chief officer was getting out the irons, but Anderson only swore in reply and defied him.

"During all this time we were neglecting our duty in not attending to the fire," declared Capt. Watt. "There was a strong fire and defendant struck him in the chest."

The mate, Angus MacEachron, said they had had previous trouble with defendant. He had refused to turn to and was taken ashore and paid off but taken on again. On Tuesday he intimated he was going to take complete charge and would do as he liked. About 4.30 yesterday morning everybody was turned out as the ship was on fire. Defendant got the boat to row ashore and was called back by the captain. He was then doing his work all right but a few minutes later he annoyed witness and prevented him doing his work until he could stand it no longer and he appealed to the captain, who ordered defendant to be put in chains. There was a struggle, during which defendant banged his head against the railings.

Defendant's story was that he was sick and did not do what he was told in consequence. He might have said a word or two, but he did not cause any trouble. He was standing in the forecastle when the mate told him that unless he came out he would put him in irons. The mate brought a pair of old rusty handcuffs and defendant said: "If you are going to put me in irons you will have to clean them first."

The President said there was no doubt defendant had been under the influence of liquor and had behaved disgracefully.

Anderson added that the captain hit him over the head twice with something blunt, and he struck back.

The defendant was sentenced to three months' hard labour.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO. SUED.

SHIPBUILDERS' CLAIM.

In the Supreme Court this morning the action (part heard) by the Man Shing Lee firm of shipbuilders against the Green Island Cement Company, Ltd., came on for hearing before the Chief Justice, Sir William Reeves Davies. Plaintiff's claim was for \$3,814 for work done and materials supplied by the plaintiffs to defendants' steamship Ching Chow as defendants' request. The defence, disclosed by the pleadings was that defendants never contracted with the Man Shing Lee firm but with another firm to whom they paid accounts for work including that alleged by plaintiffs to have been done by them. At the last hearing his Lordship said he hoped some arrangement could be come to between the parties, but no settlement was arranged.

Counsel for plaintiffs, Mr. Elton Potter, instructed by Mr. Davidson (Messrs. Hastings and Hastings); for defendants, Mr. F. C. Jenkin, instructed by Mr. Hing (Messrs. Deacon, Looker, Deacon and Harston).

Andrew Shields, secretary of the defendant company, said tenders were invited for work on the Ching Chow (then the Consuelo) and one was presented by the Tung Yick firm. He had an interview with two of the Tung Yick partners, Capt. Arthur being present.

Mr. Potter objected to Mr. Jenkin putting in evidence by the witness of the terms of the contract because the document itself was conclusive.

Mr. Jenkin wished to show that though the contract was accepted arrangements were made for other incidental work to be done by the Tung Yick. He quoted authorities to show that such evidence was admissible.

Mr. Potter said the point was that on the pleadings and interrogatories defendants met their claim by saying that the whole of this work in the claim was contained in their contract with the Tung Yick firm. Plaintiff produced the Tung Yick contract, which disproved what defendants said, whereupon defendants stated that somewhat else was agreed, but it did not appear in the contract. Defendants in their interrogatories relied upon this contract, and they must be found by it.

His Lordship received his decision on the point.

Mr. Shields, continuing his evidence, said the contract entered into by the Tung Yick was to take up the old decks and replace them with new wood, and also do incidental work. All the ship's fittings which had to be removed were to be renewed; included in this were the cabins between the two decks. During the course of the work he had some interview with the Tung Yick representative owing to the slow rate at which it was being carried out. He could not identify the plaintiff and did not remember seeing him. As to Capt. Arthur's powers, witness said that as a general superintendent his duty was to advise the company on technical details, and he had no power to order big work without consulting the company. He consulted them about the Tung Yick contract and about the fitting of new skylights and provision of new lifeboats, for which separate orders were given.

Cross-examined, witness admitted that certain work was done outside the Tung Yick firm's contract, and Capt. Arthur had authority to order it.

Mr. Jenkin, in view of the witness's evidence, withdrew his defence of want of authority.

His Lordship observed that he had never attached much importance to it.

Witness said in reply to further questions that plaintiff took a strong personal interest in the work, and his attitude, in the light of subsequent developments, was consistent with his being a sub-contractor.

G. W. Hobbs, assistant in the Green Island Cement Co.'s office, said plaintiff attended there several times, but always with the representative of the Tung Yick firm, with whom the "Interviews" took place. He asked the Tung Yick partner, who plaintiff was, and he replied: "Along my partner." He first knew that plaintiff was Man Shing Lee when he received a letter from Messrs. Hastings and Hastings claiming \$4,000 odd. Having looked up his books and found that the firm had paid the Man Shing Lee \$1,600 for skylight doors on the "Ching Chow" he replied to Messrs. Hastings and Hastings that this was the only contract the company had entered into with plaintiff.

Cross-examined, witness said no claim was made by Man Shing Lee prior to Dec. 20, and not knowing anything about him he enquired of Capt. Arthur, who said he thought he was a man who had done a little work on the boat. On turning up the duplicate order book Capt. Arthur found that it was so. The Tung Yick partner attended at the office with the plaintiff and handed him a bill which he said was for extras, but witness refused to take it. He did not handle the bill nor did he see whether it was headed with the Man Shing Lee or the Tung Yick's name. Man Shing Lee never presented a bill.

The hearing was adjourned.

A Dane who has returned to Copenhagen from Hamburg, where he has lived for twenty years, reports that business at the port is almost suspended. Work has been abandoned owing to the lack of men, workmen in Hamburg and, indeed, throughout Germany being at the front or in the training camps. The number of failures in Hamburg is enormous, and the losses so far are estimated at \$25,000,000.

TYPHOON WARNING.

The following telegram was received at the American Consulate General from the Manila Observatory at 11.15 a.m. today:—

Cyclone or Typhoon, S. E. of Naha, moving N. E.

PORTUGUESE YOUTH GETS THREE MONTHS.

Before Mr Wood at the Magistracy this morning, a Portuguese named Anthony Gutierrez, was charged with stealing a box of Westminister cigarettes from Messrs Kelly & Walsh's store.

Defendant pleaded guilty.

The Magistrate asked Inspector Terratt for defendant's history.

Inspector Terratt said defendant was before the Court in 1910 along with a number of other Portuguese boys on charges of breaking into European houses on the Kowloon Peninsula and stealing property. Mr. Hallifax on account of his youth, the houses broken into were situated in Babbington Path. Since then he had been arrested for larceny and sent to prison for three months, but witness had not the particulars of the offence.

Defendant told the Magistrate he was a typist in the employ of the manager of the American candy store, and he had been there about two months. He admitted having been sentenced to three months imprisonment for attempted burglary at houses in Kennedy Road and Bellvue Terrace.

Mr. J. T. Mead, of Messrs. Kelly and Walsh, said the firm had not quite a lot of stuff recently. The defendant had visited the shop quite recently, asking stupid questions and never buying anything. Witness had not a watch on him and yesterday Mr. Mead caught him. Mead said to him "you have been doing this a long time" and he said "I have not taken much."

Gutierrez was sentenced to three months' hard labour.

THE EMDEN'S CAREER.

German Officer's Story.

Lieutenant Meyer, of the sunken German liner Markomannia, together with thirteen petty officers and forty-eight blue-jackets, has been interned at Kuala Lumpur, in Malaya. He seems to have been communicative and to have furnished some interesting details of recent exploits of the Emden. The manner in which the Emden selected a Japanese armoured cruiser is typical of the whole story. It seems that on leaving Kiauchau the chief engineer rigged up a dummy funnel—the ship had previously been painted the colour of British war vessels—and the White Ensign was hoisted at the stern. Then as she steamed past the Japanese the crew lined the decks, and as the vessels dipped their respective ensigns the Emden man gave three English cheers. "The ruse" was most successful, and the impudent vessel slipped out to sea.

A great deal of the success which attended the Emden's raid in the Bay of Bengal was due to the luck she experienced in tapping all sorts of wireless messages. Many of these she turned to immediate account. Thus she was able to await the emergence from the mouth of the five ships which proved her first big, while other messages enabled her to make herself scarce when a superior force drew near.

The sinking of her various prizes was inevitable. As Lieutenant Meyer remarked: "We had no port where we could take them, and so we had to send them to the bottom, where we will go ourselves shortly."

Lieutenant Meyer said the Emden did not expect a long career. She knew that sooner or later she would be sent to the bottom to keep company with the ships she had sent below herself. Since this captivity he had been shown a chart which on the supposed positions of the Emden at various dates were marked. This had caused him some amusement, because had his captain been aware that such were his pursuers' ideas he could have inflicted far more harm to British shipping than he had done.

Lieutenant Meyer expressed surprise at the generous treatment accorded him and his men by the British authorities. He had been told, as they were all in the German navy, to expect nothing but harshness and the rigorous application of the laws of war should they fall into the hands of the enemy. As it was, they were having the time of their lives. Their treatment on the train was splendid, and what a well-equipped train it was, and what a fine big station Kuala Lumpur possessed. Indeed, since Wednesday he had been experiencing a succession of surprises.

Reminded that the Indian papers had said that the success of the Emden was greatly due to the presence on board of an officer who had frequently been in those waters while serving in Hamburg-America liners, Lieut. Meyer replied: "Is that so? I am that officer."

Turning to the wider aspects of the war, Lieut. Meyer was asked his opinion concerning naval matters in Europe. He was as open and downhearted about this question as upon all the others upon which he was induced to speak. He said that he thought the German navy had missed its great opportunity. They had stuck to the shelter of the Wilhelmshaven forts too long. To keep soldiers cooped up like this for weary periods of time was more destructive of morale than anything he knew. The German naval leaders were, of course, well aware of this, and hence, perhaps, the reason for Prince Henry of Prussia taking some of the ships for a cruise among the Azores Islands in the Baltic. But at any rate, Germany had lost her opportunity on the sea, no matter how the war might eventually

